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REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 19-20, 31-33, and 37-39 are pending. All of the claims remain rejected as obvious over Saito in view of Silberschatz. Applicant has amended the independent claims (6, 19, and 31) to define the storage medium as "non-volatile storage medium." This is clearly distinct from Saito's main memory, as it is argued by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant's claims recite storing both encrypted content and an encrypted title key on non-volatile storage medium (e.g., hard drive) whereby the encrypted title key is accessible to the customer. As pointed out in the previous reply from September, 2006, Saito not only does not teach this limitation, but also, expressly teaches away from it. It states:

Because there may be possibility of improper use of the secret-keys if the management of the secret-keys is made by the user, the secret-keys Ks1 and Ks2 are automatically stored in IC card, PCMCIA card, insert board or software which are not under the user's control.

(Saito at Col. 7, ll. 15-19). Thus, Saito expressly teaches away from storing an encrypted title key on a storage medium that is accessible by the customer (or user). Therefore, Saito cannot be used to establish obviousness against the present claims, and the rejections should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to pass this case to issue at the Examiner's earliest possible convenience.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512/238-7253.

Respectfully submitted,

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